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COMMENTS OF LOUIS MAZZA AT 22 OCTOBER 1964
QUILL MEETING IN THE SPECIAL SECURITY CENTER

I have explored with appropriate personnel of the ~~(S)~~ NRO, the matter of security classification and control to be applicable to the products of Project QUILL. I find the following facts to be germaine to consideration of this matter:

(1) Project QUILL is essentially a feasibility demonstration relating to the use of radar as a satellite intelligence collection system.

(2) The program is of a highly experimental nature and the three presently available payloads are not adaptable to operational employment. There is no plan to scan other than U. S. territory.

(3) Whereas it is envisioned that representatives of the exploitation community will subsequently be asked to assist in the evaluation of the results of this demonstration, maximum effort is being focused at this time on the task of recovering and reconstituting a satellite radar product and evaluating from an engineering standpoint. Following this, intelligence utilization evaluation will be considered.

(4) The acceptable limitation of operation from the national policy standpoint has not as yet been defined (radar after all is a non-passive collection system) and these parameters when developed could have a direct bearing upon the matter under consideration.

For these reasons I feel it is premature to consider the matter of security classification and controls at this time, and I have concurred with recommendation of the ~~(S)~~ NRO Program Directorate A to retain the results of this demonstration under Project QUILL controls until such time as circumstances indicate that other action is appropriate.

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